Production of oilseeds

2186. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 419 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July, 1989 and state :

(a) what is the total production of sugar in the last three years and whether the same could meet the internal consumption of same years; and

(b) total quantity of sugar available during those year for consumption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) asd (b). The sugar production during the last three seasons was not adequate to meet the internal demand and imports were resorted to. The detailed information required is as under :—

(Lakh tonnes)

Particulars	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88 (Prov.)
1. Carryover at the beginning of the year	18.24	20.60	27.12
2. Production during the season	70.17	85.02	91.10
3. Imports	16.26	9.51	0.71
4. Total availability	104.67	115.13	118.93
5. Internal consumption	83.53	87.75	93.33

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2187. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had taken several measures to augment production of oilseeds in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the requirement and production of oil seeds in the country;

(d) whether production is sufficient to meet the demand; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons for not taking earlier steps to boost the production of oilseeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Oilseeds Development Project (NCDP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP) are in operation in the important Oilseed growing States for increasing the production of Oilseeds. Under these schemes, various incentives by way of financial assistance, are provided for critical inputs like quality seed, plant protection measures, improved farm implements, application of calcium sulphate, large sized demonstrations, farmers training etc.

(c) and (e). The requirement of oilseeds for the edible oils in the country is not fixed in terms of production of oilseeds but the same is calculated on the basis of availability of different oils as a whole. However, the production of oilseeds during 1988-89 is tentatively estimated at 17.8 million tonnes as against the previous best of 12.9 million tonnes during 1984-85. With the tremendous increase in production of oilseeds, the gap between demand and supply of edible oils has been considerably reduced leading to reduction in import.